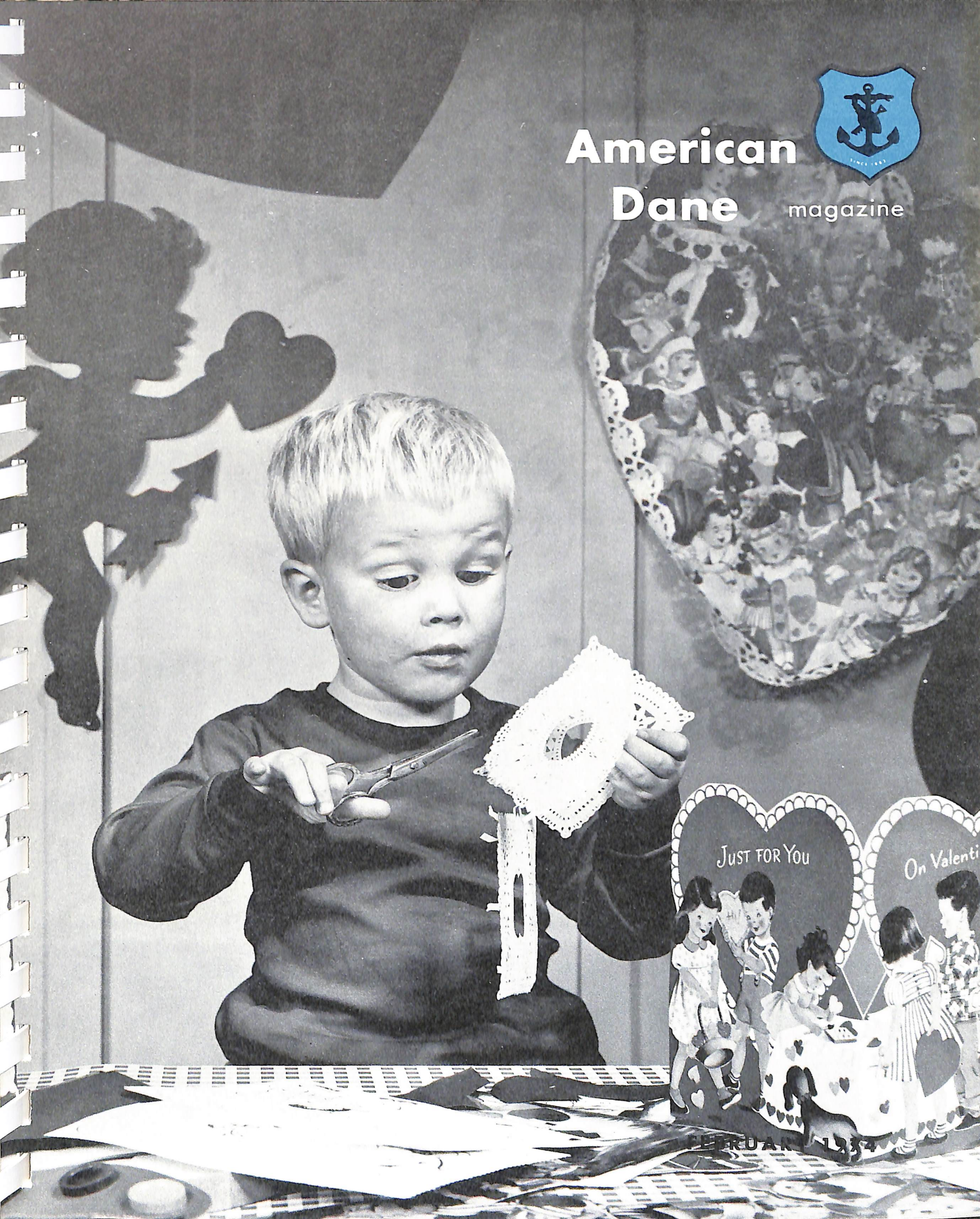


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In these days of rising costs, the energy crisis, national scandals and world unrest, it's hard to be concerned about the welfare of our fellow man. Seems about all we can do to provide for ourselves and our own families. BUT,

Give a friendly handshake or a kind word to someone who is down. It only takes a minute and it costs you nothing.

Turn off the T.V. (it will only depress you anyway) and get out to your next lodge meeting. You'll feel better for it.

It's more important than ever to give some thought, give some action, to protecting and preserving our fraternal way of life. **GET INVOLVED IN YOUR LODGE.**

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Is the young man on our cover taking such care on a Valentine for his Mother? Grandmother? The little girl next door? Whoever gets it will treasure it. We all know what Valentine's Day is for, but don't wait 'till February 14 — **TELL SOMEONE YOU LOVE 'EM TODAY.**

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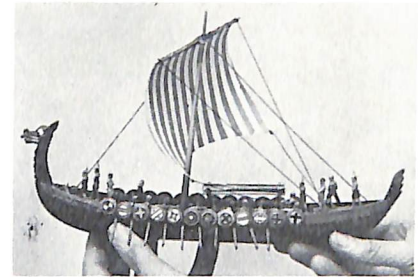
What Is This New Program We Have Heard About Called 'Young Vikings'?

The "Young Vikings" program is an entire new range of services, programs, ideas and events, developed since 1972 for the benefit and enjoyment of the young members of our fraternity. New programs are being added constantly.

All one needs in order to be eligible for these programs is to be a paid up member, no age requirement, as all you need to enjoy many "Y.V." benefits is to feel young. Most "Young Vikings," however, will fall between the ages of one and twenty-one. A sample of the programs available will appear monthly on this page. If you see something you like, just write the National Headquarters for additional information. In future issues, you'll be reading about such things as special T-shirts, a Viking Ship kit, a Danish embroidery kit, Danish dolls, coloring book, kite-flying contest. "Y.V." certificates, and even plans for a National Convention of Young Vikings in the future.

VIKING SHIP KITS NOW AVAILABLE

Easy-to-assemble plastic model of authentic Viking ship your ancestors used when roving the high seas. 12" long, complete with sail and colorful decals. Buy one for Grandpa — he will enjoy it and might even help you assemble yours — \$1.99.



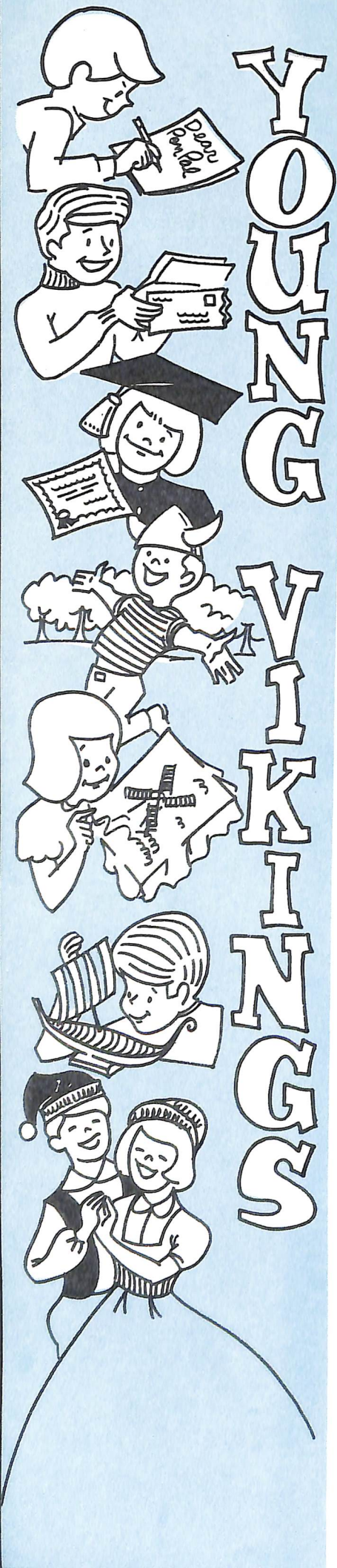
TELL 'EM WHO YOU ARE WITH A 'YOUNG VIKING' T-SHIRT

Just in from the manufacturer — brag about your proud ancestry to your friends with these special T-shirts. Sizes to fit everyone in Red, White or Blue. Give weight and height when ordering. Ask mom and dad to get one for you today — \$1.99.



GET A LOAD OF THIS MASCOT!

Can't you just see one of these in your room now? Durable and handsome red and white "Eat Danish-Eat Well" inflatable Viking for show or room display. Two sizes — 18" and 36" — Large Viking — \$1.99; Small Viking — \$1.49.



Our Lodges in Action



Danish Brotherhood to them also showing them the new slide presentation we ordered from the Home Office. We have always had success with this project gaining new members from it.

Our larger parties for members, widows and guests
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Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois (Midwest)

Editor's Note: We think this summary of activities from Kenosha, Wisconsin, by Bob Ibsen, who is secretary of the Kenosha Lodge, offers an excellent format for other lodges in sponsoring a successful program of activities for lodge members. The new slides Brother Ibsen mentions are available from the Home Office and will be explained in a brochure which will be mailed soon to all lodge presidents. Thanks, Bob, for sharing this "Growth plan" with your fellow members.

In our part of the country when you think of participation of members, activities, social gatherings, community relations and just out and out enthusiasm for your lodge you immediately think of Kenosha, and Racine, Wisconsin. The following recap of activities for the past year will give you some idea of what we are speaking:

To begin with every meeting in Kenosha is regularly attended with an average attendance of about 25 to 30 members. Meetings are lively and everyone participates. Every meeting an attendance prize is given and we also have a nice lunch with good fellowship in our rathskeller. A donation by the members present is also made to the Building Improvement Fund and this really counts up over a year's time. Special smokers are held every so often and usually features a Torsk dinner with all the trimmings. We use this dinner as a recruiting smoker, allowing members to bring prospective members free of charge. We get a chance to explain the



Packed house present at Kenosha's 81st anniversary banquet party.



Lodge No. 14 always invites widows of members as guests to the anniversary party.

include the Anniversary, Christmas, Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, Thanksgiving and Halloween. Special parties such as Hawaiian Night and Pizza Parties are also a favorite. Many others are still on the drawing board. We also have a great time at our summer picnic.

This year we hosted the Midwest District Convention with very favorable results judging by the comments received. This is another indication of a club with good cooperation to carry out a large project such as a convention and have it run smoothly. From time to time we have aebleskiver breakfasts and Danish sandwiches. Many of our parties are fund-raising type donations. Two of our larger donations each year go to St. Mary's Lutheran Church in Kenosha and the Danish Old People's Home in Racine. When it comes to attendance at Midwest District functions in other cities you will always find Kenosha, along with Racine, the most well represented of the groups in attendance.

Bob Ibsen, Secretary, No. 14.



Newly elected officers for 1974 in the Midwest District, left to right, Past President Gene Anderson, Racine; President Harry Davis, South Bend; Vice President, Vern Danielsen, St. Charles [Ken Janssen standing in for Vern, who was ill]; Secretary-Treasurer Ronald Jensen, Kenosha; First Trustee Peder Larsen, Chicago; Second Trustee Robert Ibsen, Kenosha; and Third Trustee John Johansen, Racine.



California, Nevada

Lodge No. 49, San Francisco, Calif. — Joint installation of officers was held with Margrethe Lodge No. 24 on January 23. A no-host cocktail party, and dinner at 7 p.m. was followed by the installation ceremony at 8 o'clock. After the ceremony, the lodge hosted a cocktail party and coffee.

Henning Jensen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, Calif. — On December 9, a Sunday afternoon, DB 126 and DSS 68 held their Christmas party at the Danish Center. Approximately 250 adults and children attended. There were gifts and candy for the children and coffee and cake for the adults. A professional clown had the kids spellbound for a long time, and among other clever tricks, made the kids believe that he actually had a direct line to Santa Claus, because when he pulled a telephone from his pocket and called for him, Santa (Marius Jespersen) appeared right

away. Brother Marius did a wonderful job as Santa Claus. He seems to have a way with children.

Also, honor certificates were presented by General Committee president, Alfred Munck, to our junior members (Young Vikings). At approximately 7 p.m., the party closed — a delightful afternoon in good company with friends and relatives that managed to get some of the Christmas spirit from Old Denmark.

A trip to Las Vegas the 23/24 of February is still in the making. There'll be installation of 1974 officers for Las Vegas, but if you don't wish to partake in the dinner and installation ceremonies, and would rather do some positive gambling, you are just as welcome to go on the bus. So put a mark on your calendar for February 23.

Brother Jens Nielsen of Camarillo passed away December 10th after being sick only a few days. Our sympathy goes to his family and particularly to his widow, Mrs. Caroline Nielsen.

Alfred Munck, Secretary.

Alhambra Lodge No. 323, Monterey Park, Calif. —

Our lodge, as host, held joint installation of officers with Lodge No. 126 and Sisterhood Lodge No. 68 on January 12, and it was a huge success. The menu was roast boneless pork loin, red cabbage, and glazed potatoes and gravy that was out of this world. The table decorations by the ladies of No. 323 were very well placed. A setting of Danish authenticity was shown by the Danish flags and placemats.

Our congratulations to the installing officer, Alfred Munck, for the excellent handling of the affair. Dancing to Winstrop Olesen's fine orchestra was enjoyed by all. Over 100 people attended this function, and you could tell by the reaction of people that we were "oneness" and all Danes, even though members are of different nationality. We at Alhambra extend our hand of friendship to Los Angeles Lodge No. 126 and No. 68, for their participation which is the answer to any activity that is a success. Special recognition was given to Jens Andersen, stepping down as Treasurer after approximately 20 years, and Henry Johansen was presented his 25-year pin and past-president pin. The oldest member present was George Jepsen, 85 years old.

Frank E. Jepsen, Secretary.



Michigan, Ohio

Lodge No. 30, Muskegon, Mich. — Well, here we are starting another new year. I hope each and everyone of you will have a good year.

We only had a business meeting in December, as our social meeting came so close to Christmas. Larry Ritter was kind enough to pinch-hit for me while I was absent. I am just recovering from stomach surgery and doing fine. I guess everyone was afraid of getting an office for the coming year, as not very many came to our meeting. But we are looking forward to better attendance after the first of the year.

We lost another of our older members, Neils S. Petersen. We will miss him.

We are already starting plans for our annual Hook

and Horn outing. We really have a good time on that outing. We are planning a get together with the wives present for the new year. And we still haven't given up on our card players. Maybe we'll get started yet. We look forward to an active 1974 in Lodge No. 30.

Clayton Hansen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 227, Detroit Mich. — On December 12, we here in Detroit had another large turnout at our monthly pre-meeting dinner. There were 160 brothers and sisters who came out to enjoy the meal and also to attend their respective lodge meetings.

When the immediate business was taken care of at our meeting, it became time to initiate two new brothers into the lodge and the brotherhood. They are Soren Pedersen and Jerry Prokop. President Harold Capion conducted the initiation and Past President "Moose" Larsen did the honors of welcoming the new brothers to the lodge and the Danish Brotherhood.

The next item on the agenda was election of officers for the year 1974. The following brothers accepted nomination and election to the following offices: Past President Harold Capion; President Werner Walther; Vice-President John Pedersen; Correspondent-Secretary Nielsen Dalley; Record-Secretary Gary Jensen; Treasurer Carl Hansen; Financial Secretary Otto Pedersen; Trustees Ed Woods, Richard Sorensen and Jim Crockett; Conductor Ernie Munker; Inner Guard Ove Rostgaard; and Outer Guard George Petersen.

The members of Lodge No. 227 should keep in mind that these new officers can only do as good a job as we let them do. By that I mean they need all the help and cooperation we can give them, this I can state from past experience.

There were two members elected to the building board, they are Robert Andersen and Willy Pedersen.

Four Brothers were elected to the National Committee; they are Olaf Jensen, Aage Madsen, Richard Sorensen, and Jim Crockett.

The lodge wishes all of these brothers the best for the coming year as they go about their many tasks.

Outgoing President Harold Capion was presented with a gavel by Paul Carlsen on behalf of the lodge members for his fine performance as president during the past year.

We finally had a winner in the lodge drawing. He is

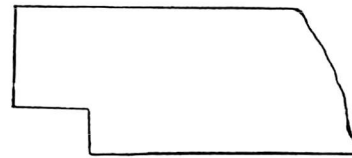
Walter Rettig who had the good fortune to be present at the meeting when his name was drawn and now he is \$52.50 richer. Congratulations to you Walter.

A joint installation of officers is scheduled with D.S.S. Lodge No. 125 on January 9, at the Danish Club of Detroit immediately after our respective business meetings.

On December 26 the annual Children's Christmas Tree Party was held at the Danish Club with the lodge officers and the officers of the Sisterhood Lodge No. 125 working together to make the arrangements and also conducting the party. As in the past years there was a large turnout of youngsters and also parents.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all Brotherhood and Sisterhood members and their families The Very Best for the New Year.

Robert Sorensen, Correspondent.



Nebraska

Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Nebr. — Winter is really here in Nebraska, but we are not the only ones. We, in No. 1, have had bad luck. Our first meeting in December was cancelled because of a snow storm, and our second meeting in December was our Christmas party jointly with the Danish American Club. Yes, you guessed it, it snowed again. However, we had a good turnout, even Santa made it. The first meeting in 1974 was on New Year's Day, so hopefully, we will have nice weather on January 15, as we will have joint installation of officers with Lodge No. 195. Well, enough of my crying on your shoulders, now for some good news.

First of all, I want to congratulate Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 10 and Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 10 in Council Bluffs, Iowa, with their new hall. If you are in the neighborhood and would like to see it, it is at 4th Street and 9th Avenue in Council Bluffs and you will be glad you did.

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Popular Bowling Meet Begins March 15



The Danish Brotherhood National Bowling Tournament, always a popular event, will be held again in 1974. Entry forms and a special announcement will be sent to your secretary soon, so please contact him for entry forms and contest information.

Entry deadline is March 1 and you may bowl anytime between March 15 and May 1. The prize list will offer the same generous cash awards as last year and again will feature a special junior members category. The total

prize money to be awarded will amount to \$1,000.

You cannot win any of the prize money unless you enter the tournament before the deadline and also submit your score in accordance with the rules printed on the entry form.

Should you fail to receive an entry form from your Lodge Secretary, you may request one through National Headquarters.

And remember to support your District tournament. Good Luck!

Another 100% Family



Rose and Axel Skelbeck head this 100% D.B. family, all identified in the attached article.

In the picture you see a 100 per cent Brotherhood family. They are the Skelbeck family. From left to right, front row, are Dr. Robert Sauter, his son Bradley, Pamela Warner and her dad, Dr. Robert Warner. In the back row are Norma Sauter, Rose Skelbeck, Axel Skelbeck, and Evelyn Warner. Norma and Evelyn are the Skelbeck's daughters. By the way, Pamela Warner was the first to join the juvenile program when it was introduced. Axel Skelbeck, whom I am sure everyone knows, was National Secretary-Treasurer for many, many years and is now retired, but still helps out at the Home Office. He had a stroke in August, but is now on the road to recovery. Viggo Olsen, also of No. 1, had a stroke and is recuperating at home now.

I just read in the American Dane that my good friend, Kenneth Pedersen of Lodge No. 161, of Ruskin, Nebraska, sponsored ten new members. It is nice to see we still have some good workers for the Danish Brotherhood.

Chris Larsen, Correspondent.



**Washington-Oregon
British Columbia
(Pacific Northwest)**

The Northwest Danish Home will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in 1974. "Program planning is already underway" according to the institution's President and Administrator, Brother Edmund Olsen. Initial rules and bylaws were originally adopted on January fifth in 1924. The present site, 10010 Des Moines Way South, Seattle, was purchased in May of the same year.

Vancouver's DB 328 staged their Children's Christmas Party on December 16th.

Enumclaw's DB 113 will host the 1974 District Bowling event — according to Captain Jack Oakley — March 10th is the day and night. On January 12, the Enumscratch Danes installed their new officers.

McMinnville's DB 194 installed their 1974 slate of officers on January 12 — President Sigurd Nielsen, Vice President Harry Jensen, Secretary Dorothy Rasmussen, Treasurer Holger Rasmussen, Conductor Viola Osborn, Innerguard Marie Jensen, Outerguard Cliff Osborn and Trustees Fred Hansen, Florence Hansen and Marvin Christensen. Pot Luck Roast Beef dinners among the Danes seems to be quite popular in this Oregon City.

Portland's DB 167 officers for 1974 include President Jim Tyger, Vice President Ed Hirsch, Secretary Magnus Esrom, Treasurer Melvin Pihl, Conductor Hans Jensen, Innerguard Al Ostergard, Outerguard Al Sorensen and Trustees Willard Pattersen, Harold Jacobsen and Ralph

Lodge No. 126 Honors 'Young Vikings' With Special Ceremony



A concentrated effort to recognize the achievements and contributions of the young members of the Danish Brotherhood is being made at the National Headquarters. Among the many lodges to pick up the ball and add their own initiative was Lodge 126, Los Angeles. These photographs show a special awards ceremony during which the handsome certificates, prepared by the Home Office, were distributed to junior members of the lodge. Left photo: President of the California General Committee, Alfred Munck, surrounded by [left to right] Christoffer and David Hansen, Susanne Ericson, and Ronald A. Mathiesen. Center Photo: Dorthea Hansen with her two grandchildren, David and Christoffer Hansen. Right Photo: 22-month old Kristina Casas, with mother Alice and proud grandmother, Dagny Larsen.

Firing — installed on January fifth. Rose City Danes, under last years President Peter Pihl, held another successful Christmas Tree Party on December 15 with over 150 participants and entertained by Elly Buckley's Danish Polka Dots Folk Dancers. Past President Magnus Esrom was in Chicago during the holidays with the sad duty of burying his mother.

Spokane's DB 42's Past District President John M. Bech is presently in Denmark celebrating his sister's golden wedding anniversary. Brother Rudy Vida reminds all Danes to reserve May the 17th through the 19th for the 25th Annual Convention in the Lilac City. Among the beautiful Western Forestry Center exhibits in Portland this holiday season was one particular Christmas Tree decorated by Ellen, wife of Past President Ernie Wales — some of the ornaments used had been in the Eskeberg Family for over a hundred years. 1974 officers were installed on January third and include President John Bech and Vice President Ernest Hansen.

Seattle's DB 29 has installed the Northwest Danes Newsletter Editor P. Sten Jessen as their 1974 Lodge President — Joel Evans as Vice President. On the sick list last month were Past Supreme President Otto Nielsen and Brother Einar Thompson. Royal Danish Consul and Mrs. Paul Nielsen have provided funds again for a scholarship — this time to Janet Pedersen who is currently Secretary of the Danish Club at the University of Washington. If you would like to have information on this summer's seminars in Copenhagen, phone Brother Lem Petersen 527-1057.

Junction City's DB 268 celebrated their 66th Anniversary on January fifth in the local Odd Fellows Hall and despite the winter weather, nearly 50 loyal Danes participated. Wilma Petersen and Jerry Pate prepared a delicious banquet dinner to mark the festive occasion and Brother Flemming Pedersen was the master of ceremonies. Highlight of the event was the presentation of a 50-year pin to Brother Andrew Bodtker by National Vice President Kristen Jorgensen. Brother Kris also presented a plaque to Dr. Fletchall for his work in initiating the well-known Scandinavian Festival in J.C. The mayor of this fine little city, John Gunson and wife Pauline, were present and methinks his application for membership in the Danish Brotherhood is pending. The American Dane's Editor-in-Chief, Don Eversoll, attended the last festival in August and his pictures were enthusiastically appreciated by all.

Norbert E. Grove, Correspondent.



**Connecticut, New York,
Vermont, New Jersey,
Pennsylvania,
Rhode Island
(Eastern Lodges)**

Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Conn. — On January 2, we had a joint installation of officers with the Sisters. There were about 60 present, and we all had a grand time. After the installation, our newly elected President, Barry Edmunds, thanked everyone for their attendance, and we all went downstairs where the Sisters were serving open-faced sandwiches and coffee.

Our annual codfish dinner will be held on our regular meeting night, March 13. We will have a short business

meeting before the dinner. Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. This year the lodge will celebrate its 85th anniversary, and we are planning a dinner and a dance to be held sometime in May. More news on this later.

Chris Simonsen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 46, Perth Amboy, N.J. — When the second Wednesday of each month arrives our attendance is between 25 and 30 members but when we hold ladies' night we need a larger room. We are most fortunate in having for our president, Peter Christensen. He is an aggressive gentleman with the know-how of obtaining applications for membership. If there was ever a man who has his interest in our lodge and home it is "Pete", Yes, his wife and family are great assistants, too. When it comes to refreshments at each meeting congratulations and many thanks go to brother Harvey Mathiasen.

To brother Al Borup goes a special "thank you" for his sincere kindness at regular meetings, special affairs and summer picnics. At our last summer picnic we enjoyed the wonderful cooking of Albert Hirner and Mrs. Catherine Christensen, president of the Sisterhood. We are awaiting our next picnic so we can thank them again.

We had the pleasure of having as our guest recently Captain Kurt Carlson who became known the world over when his ship "The Enterprise" was lost at sea. The captain is a modest man when he spoke of his and the crew's ordeal when the Enterprise got into trouble during a storm and was lost. Captain Carlson showed moving pictures of the last hours his ship was afloat. If any of the members of our great order are "radio hams" you may be able to contact Captain Carlson.

Norman Jensen, our vice president, has taken us on a visit to Denmark and many sections of the United States via his colored slides. The pictures bring back many fond memories.

November 14 the following became members of No. 46: Chris Agsen, Raymond Stricker and Michael Roskos; December 12 — Reynold Christensen also became a member. November 18 was a happy day for Mr. and Mrs. Sundergaard of Bound Brook N.J. who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Representatives of No. 46 paid a visit to the Sundergaard's home to wish them the very best for many years into the future.

The members mourn the passing of two great men, brother Anton Lund on July 7 and Christian "Jeppe" Jorgensen on December 19. Brother Lund became a member of No. 46 on April 17, 1927. At the time of his passing he was a trustee of the lodge. Brother Jorgensen became a member of No. 46 February 4, 1919. We extend to the respective families of each of our departed members and our sincere sympathy as their memories will continue for ever.

If you are in the area of our lodge you are most welcome to our meetings on the second Wednesday of each month. We meet in the Danish Home, Edison, N.J.

**D. Herman Farber, Sr.
and Edwin Johnson, Secretary.**

Wendia Lodge No. 71, Penn Yan, N.Y. — Sisters, our many thanks for the nice dinner, December 2. There were over 100 present. Pictures were shown and all the kids were given a present. We had a fine Christmas tree and dance, December 28, at the Grange Hall, and there was a big crowd present. Mr. Carlsen played all the good old tunes.

Brother Jull Nielsen was 90 years old on Christmas. He always comes to our meetings and you had better be careful when you play "66" with him, as he is very sharp.

We had election of officers, December 15.

Laurids S. Pedersen, Correspondent.

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GREAT DANE AWARD — Highest Honor In This Program: A Free trip to Denmark presented to any member who accumulates 200 or more points. Must sign at least 50 insured members in accumulating these points. (Trip is round-trip, jet coach, fare from nearest principal city, plus \$15 per day expenses for 10 days for one person. Tour rates will apply if available).

WIN A FREE TRIP

That's right — you can actually win a free trip to Denmark as part of the D.B.'s new and permanent program to recognize our loyal members who sponsor new members, both insured and social.

This will be a continuing program, with no gimmicks or fancy rules attached. Awards will be announced quarterly through the American Dane magazine and major awards presented personally by National Officers or National Headquarters personnel.

All winners will be announced at the National Convention to be held in Page 10

Denver in September of 1975. To win one of these prizes, here's all you have to do:

Sign up a new member. **When he is accepted** you win one or two points, depending upon his (or her) status (insured or social). When you have signed up enough new members to accumulate 10 points, you receive the handsome plaque pictured on this page, plus a \$25 Savings Bond.

When you have signed up enough new members for 25 points, you also receive the handsome cup, plus a \$50 Savings Bond.

At 100 points, the beautiful trophy

will be presented to you personally by a Danish Brotherhood officer or staff member, along with a \$100 Savings Bond.

The free trip to Denmark is awarded any member who accumulates 200 or more member points.

There is no time limit on any of these awards, which means you can take as long as you need, and points accumulated in winning one award count toward winning the others.

Although the contest is not open to full or part-time representatives of the Danish Brotherhood, they will assist you with the insurance item.



BOOSTER AWARD:

You can win this handsome plaque, with your name engraved, plus a \$25 Savings Bond by accumulating 10 member points on applications received in the Home Office January 1, 1974, and after. Plaque presented by your lodge president.



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD:

100 member points, beginning January 1, 1974, and after, will land you this handsome, 16"-high, gold trophy, plus a \$100 Savings Bond. Award will be presented personally by a National Official of the Danish Brotherhood.



MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD:

This beautiful cup with your name, hand engraved, and a \$50 Savings Bond is yours for 25 member points accumulated after January 1, 1974. Will be awarded by your Lodge President.

UP TO DENMARK!

This means all you need to do is recommend (sponsor) new members. Once accepted, the points are yours.

HOW TO WIN MEMBER POINTS:

1. 1 Point Credit — Sign up one social member.
2. 2 Point Credit — Each new insured member, or increases on additional certificates for present members. (Includes insurance applications on wives or relatives).
3. Points will be accumulated beginning January 1, 1974 and after. No time limit involved.
4. All Danish Brotherhood members, with the exception of full or

part-time representatives are eligible for these awards. Your area representative will help you win these awards. Call him soon if you need help.

**Or One of
The Attractive
Awards Above**

**PLUS A U. S.
SAVINGS BOND**



Our Lodges in Action

(Continued from page 9)



Brother Erling Braumann, Lodge No. 102, interviews Santa Claus for all the kids at 102's Christmas party.

Lodge No. 102, Providence, R.I. — Our Christmas party was a real fun day, with 35 children and 35 adults present. Despite the rainy weather, and it was a real downpour, everything went fine.

Congratulations to President Bill Gill, who was our Ho-Ho-Ho man, for doing a fine job.

Entertainment was furnished by three remarkable youngsters who tapdanced their way into the hearts of everyone present. Many, many thanks to Ellen Nielsen and Duane and Michael L e v e s q u e. Santa's helpers, who are pictured in the photo, are (standing) JoAnn McArdle, Susanne Christensen, Ellen Nielsen, and (seated) Roberta Stergios, Bill Gill (Santa Claus) and Kim McArdle.



Carl Sorensen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa. — Our Lodge, again this year, had open installation of officers, with the Danish Sisterhood Lodge, No. 129, on Saturday, January 19. Brother Olaf Hansen, President of the G.C.E.L. and Past-President of Lodge 242, was the installing officer for the Brotherhood, and National Trustee, Gladys Nordine, the installing officer for the Sisterhood.

Brotherhood officers for the coming new year, will be President Joseph Dascino; Vice-President, Carl Berry; and Secretary, Edward Jonasen.

As of January 1, we have 109 insured adult members, 11 social and 14 juvenile members, for a total of 134 members. A total of 24 meetings were held last year, with an average attendance of 11.2 members.

Olaf Hansen was elected delegate, and Richard G. Tansey, alternate-delegate to the G.C.E.L. Convention in New Haven, Conn. Olaf Hansen is now the President of the G.C.E.L., the highest honor which can be bestowed on a brother in the East.

Carl Berry is still the President of the D.B.S. Building Ass'n and Henry Jensen was elected Treasurer at the semi-annual meeting in December.

Edward Jonasen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 116, Newark, N.J. — A Happy New Year to all the members of Lodge 116. The lodge had its installation of officers for 1974 on January 11, together with the Sisters of Lodge No. 84. After the installation, we had a dance, later on coffee, and finally refreshments were served.

President for the coming year will be Leif Larsen. The Secretary, Viggo Nielsen, Congratulations to all the new officers.

Now that we have an energy crisis, it might be fitting to bring a brother with you to meetings, instead of coming alone. I am sure that there is at least one brother residing near enough to each of us to warrant doing so. Maybe we can increase our attendance this way also.

Brother Torvald Jensen, who had been residing at the Home for the Aged, passed away on January 7.

This is my last newsletter. I thank all of you for the cooperation I have received from you in the years I have been Secretary. Without your help, it would have been a most difficult task.

Paul N. Iversen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa. — Our lodge initiated newly elected officers Friday, January 18, at the Swedish Museum. The new officers are Flemming Hinrichsen, Past-President; Joseph G. Janco, President; David Hansell, Vice-President; George Clausen, Secretary; Karl Gamborg-Nielsen, Treasurer; Otto Andersen, Conductor; and Trustees, Nick Knudsen and Bendix Christensen.

The Christmas banquet was held December 16, and was a huge success. The children's Christmas party was held the following day and it brought a flock of kiddies to talk to Santa (David Hansell) Claus. The affair was well organized and Santa did a splendid job.

N. Malmquist.



Young Viking, Hans Erik Janco, [foreground] reflects the season's spirit at No. 172's annual Christmas party.

Lodge No. 164, New York City, N.Y. — On December 8, our Lodge had a Christmas party, complete with Fleskesteg and Rodkaal, beer, and music by Olaf Hansen. We sang Danish Christmas songs and danced to the enjoyable music provided. Many thanks go to Ane Khyll and Carla Petersen for the tireless effort they put into seeing that everything went smoothly. Gifts were given out to those present. We had 53 in attendance and a great time was had by all.

We recently have taken in six new members to Modersmallet and we welcome all of you to our lodge.
Robert Rasmussen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N.Y. — The first meeting in December was held at the House of Haiku, where our president opened the meeting. The sick committee reported that Brother Chase was home and coming along fine. Chris Biering reported that he was going to resign as chairman of the sick committee after 30 years. Brother Aage Jensen was made chairman, with Ole Hansen and Even Christensen to help out.

Bill Peterson has accepted the nomination for president for the third time. Bill has been doing a fine job for the past two years. After the election, we had a report from Even Christensen and Chris Biering about our new meeting place. It was agreed upon that we should have Chris talk to the owner of the House of Haiku, as most of the Danes would like to stay in the Old Danish Hall.

At the meeting of the 19, we paid our last respects of our departed Brother Viggo Jespersen. After the meeting we went downstairs where Rigmor Biering had a smorgasbord ready, with candles and Christmas decorations. All agreed it was one of the best Christmas parties ever.

On Friday, December 28, Brother George Severson was sworn in as surrogate judge. After the ceremonies, the Brothers were invited to the court house to his reception.

Our installation was held on January 5, together with the Sisters. On January 12, Rigmor and Chris Biering went to Florida for a month's vacation.

Chris Biering, Secretary.

Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N.Y. — In our first meeting of the year for the coming year, led by Peter Petersen, who was elected President. Congratulations to all the new officers. Smorgasbord was served after the meeting and then Hans and Jean Pedersen opened the ball with the assistance of Eleanor Petersen and Dorothy Adamson.

In February, Teddy and Millie Petersen and Anna Kargaard and Viggo Schonberg are the hosts.

We had a good attendance to our 47th Anniversary dinner dance at the Baldwin Yacht Club. Hans and Jean Petersen did most of the work for this affair and the smorgasbord was homemade. Jean made most of it with the help of other members. Egon Larsen donated a beautiful birthday cake.

We are particularly proud of two members for their accomplishments. Egon Larsen was awarded First Prize for his masterpieces in baking at the yearly Hotel Exhibition at the New York Coliseum. We are also proud of Ingrid Brantley, who has just received her M.D. Degree from Duke University's Medical School, and in June will start her residency in Duke Hospital.

The children's Christmas party was a big success, mostly due to George and Birgit, who purchased all the presents. But everyone did their share. The Hall and Christmas tree were decorated the night before by all the members.

The successful Christmas parties and holidays have

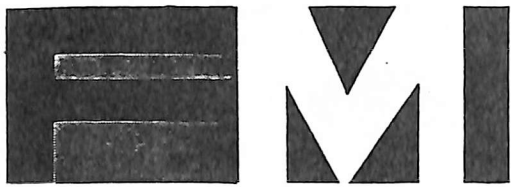
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ANNOUNCING Third Annual National Essay Contest

Contest Rules

1. Entrants must qualify in one of two age categories: (A) those 15 and under as of June 30, 1974, or (B) those 16 and over as of June 30, 1974.
2. Duplicate prizes will be awarded in both categories.
3. Entrants must be a member of the Danish Brotherhood or be related to a member of the Danish Brotherhood in America.
4. Subject of the essay in each category must be: "Why is it Important to Share our Danish heritage with Americans of Other Ancestry?"
5. Essays must not be more than 300 words in length.
6. Your name, address, phone, age, birthdate and number of lodge or number of lodge where relative is a member must be written on a separate sheet of paper attached to the entry. Also include name of DB relative if applicable.
7. Essays should be typewritten. If this is not possible they must be written legibly, in ink, on one side of paper only.
8. All entries must be sent to "Essay Contest, National Headquarters, Danish Brotherhood in America, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68131."
9. All entries must be accompanied by a black and white photo of author, head and shoulders only, measuring at least 2 x 3 inches.
10. Contest begins April 1, 1974, and all entries must be in by July 1, 1974.
11. Winners will be announced and their pictures and essays published in the September issue of the Danish Brotherhood magazine.
12. Winners will receive these prizes: First Place — a \$100 Savings Bond and one authentic Danish Coat of Arms of your choice. Second Place — a \$25 Savings Bond and one authentic Danish Coat of Arms of your choice. Third Place — One authentic Danish Coat of Arms of your choice.



Fraternal Monitor

Renaissance of Ethnic Fraternal

During the years of massive immigration to this country from Europe, ethnic groups were regarded as "different" and kept pretty much to themselves. This isolation was both by choice and by the pressure of the established community which looked down on the outsiders for talking, dressing and behaving "funny."

The ethnic fraternal benefit society was invented to meet the needs of these immigrant groups. The local lodge was a place where people could meet with their own kind, wear old country dress, speak the mother tongue, and follow familiar customs—all without being persecuted or laughed at. The society also provided some measure of financial security; in the event of illness or death, the members all chipped in to help those less fortunate than themselves.

However, immigrants' children were in a more exposed position and found themselves under pressure to conform . . . to forsake the old ways, customs, clothing and language . . . to join the cultural mainstream . . . to become a part of the "great melting pot." These children—and their children—adjusted to the ways of the new land and went on to become outstanding scientists, Congressmen, college professors, physicians, attorneys and business leaders. Very much in the mainstream of American culture, and often having no knowledge of their forebears' native tongue, they felt no need to belong to an ethnic society and participate in its activities. So far as insurance benefits were concerned, they found 1,800 commercial companies eagerly wanting to take care of those needs—not to mention benefits available from Social Security and a myriad of other government programs.

With ethnic societies seeming to reach low ebb in recent years, it may come as a surprise to many people to learn that some of these organizations are making a comeback. While there are numerous factors contributing to this phenomenon, perhaps the main reason is that America is coming of age. Instead of insisting that each person jump into the great melting pot and become exactly like everybody else, we are beginning to recognize that a person can be a patriotic and loyal American without forsaking his ethnic heritage. We seem about to adopt the view that sociologists have held for the past half century: This country would be much richer culturally if we would accept the subcultures of our many ethnic and minority groups—instead of trying to eradicate all traces of the many non-WASP

(white Anglo Saxon Protestant) heritages which have been brought to this country during the past 30,000 years.

Here are some encouraging signs that ethnic fraternal benefit societies—far from becoming extinct—will have a role to play in America during the coming years:

- The Center of Ethnic Studies of Kent State University is conducting an extensive survey of all ethnic organizations in order to prepare a comprehensive *Encyclopedia of Ethnic Organizations in the United States*.

- The Ukrainian Studies Fund has been set up at Harvard University "to foster learning and scholarship relating to the language, literature and history of Ukraine."

- As reported in the "News Round Up" in this issue, the Senate Appropriations Committee has approved a budget of \$5,000,000 to fund the Ethnic Heritage Studies Program Act during 1974.

- With consciousness of ethnic heritage reawakened, people are becoming proud of their origins; they want to learn the language of their forebears. Ethnic societies have responded to this need by making both group and self-study language courses available to their members.

- Some societies maintain museums to preserve their cultural heritage. Here can be found art, sculpture, handiwork, sewing, costumes, musical instruments, books and other priceless heirlooms and artifacts from the old country.

- At both the national and lodge level, ethnic societies sponsor programs featuring the dances and music of their respective mother countries.

- Charter flights to the homeland are popular with members of all ages. These are supplemented by student exchange programs, camps and other activities designed to help those who emigrated and those who stayed behind (and the descendants of both) maintain warm personal ties.

- The perpetuation of native cooking is a goal important enough in itself to justify the continuation of ethnic societies! Nothing brings a group together better than sharing dishes and drinks that are unlike anything the rest of the world has to offer.

- A popular fraternal activity is to hold special ethnic events, such as dinner dances, outings, sports tournaments, etc. Great as other people may be, there is nothing quite like getting together "with one's own kind" occasionally to add spice to life.

And yet, for all of the emphasis they place on preserving their cultural heritage, no groups are more fiercely patriotic and loyal to America than members of

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Editor's Note:

This article originally appeared as an editorial in the January, 1974 issue of the "Fraternal Monitor" magazine. We are reprinting it here in the hope our readers will find it interesting and relevant in the period of transition within the Danish Brotherhood. The editor of "Fraternal Monitor" is Jim Ballew.

Our Lodges in Action

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overshadowed our chess activities. No final results are available but we shall be back in motion in the coming New Year.

We need your goodwill and support in our postage and stamp program. Please bring all your American and foreign country stamps, new or old, for a free exchange available to all.

Bill Steffensen, Secretary.

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ASSESSMENT

No. 896

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Secretary-Treasurer.

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To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

In Memoriam

The Danish Brotherhood in America mourns the passing of Mildred Sorensen, 16th National President of the Danish Sisterhood, who passed away at her home in Lakewood, N.J. on Sunday, January 20, 1974.

Mrs. Sorensen joined the Danish Sisterhood, Lodge No. 84, in Newark, N.J. in 1943 and was elected Second-Trustee at the National Convention in Omaha, in 1958; She was elected Vice-President at the National Convention in San Francisco in 1964; and in 1970, was elected to the Danish Sisterhood Presidency at the National Convention in Milwaukee.



Mildred Sorensen

Mrs. Sorensen was born Mildred Edna Kracht in Cranford, N.J., on December 15, 1922, and resided all her life in that state. She graduated from Central High School in Newark in 1940, met Svend Sorensen in 1941 and, after a two-year engagement, married him in 1943. Mrs. Sorensen and her husband operated a successful interior decorating business for many years.

Mrs. Sorensen loved folk dancing and joined the Danish Folk Dance Group of Newark in 1940. That same year she danced at the World's Fair in New York City on Denmark Day. Her favorite hobbies were dancing, swimming, canoeing, cooking, meeting new people and singing.

She is survived by her husband, Svend, who is a member of Danish Brotherhood Lodge, No. 116, Newark, N.J. The entire membership of The Danish Brotherhood in America extends its sincere sympathy to Mr. Sorensen, and to the many members of the Sisterhood who knew and loved Mildred Sorensen.

Renaissance of Ethnic Fraternal

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ethnic fraternal benefit societies. This holds particularly true for those groups who have seen their homelands invaded and basic rights and freedoms destroyed. So it is possible to be 100% American and still love the land and ways of one's forebears—just as it is possible to be 100% American . . . and white or black, male or female, fat or skinny, short or tall, rich or poor.

If you grant that ethnic societies appear to be experiencing a renaissance, you may still wonder whether there is a place for insurance in these societies. To be pragmatic about it, fraternal activities to a very great extent must be financed by insurance premiums and the income that stems from investing those premiums. Therefore, when a member buys insurance from his ethnic fraternal benefit society, he is not only protecting himself and his family from the threat of financial disaster. He is also preserving his cultural heritage.

Danish-American Communities All Had 'Snoos' Boulevards

by Levi Persson

Main Streets in Danish American communities in America, were, around the turn of the century, known as "Snoos" Boulevards, because at that time Danes in particular were snuff users. Swedes and Norwegians were in the same class, but Danes as snuff chewers were better known, because of the "Copenhagen Snuff" brand which is still on the market.

For the better, the Snoos Boulevard monicker was never attached to our own Copenhagen Drive, most likely because by that time the snuff habit among Danes waned, the spittoon had disappeared.

Nowadays Aebleskiver is a better and more popular identifier of Danes. The ever growing Solvang Danish Days has probably had a lot to do with the rising popularity of those delightful doughballs.

Other towns, like Viborg, S.D., Askov, Minn. and West Denmark, Wis., have done their share to substitute aebleskiver for snuff, with their annual aebleskive festivals.

When I emigrated to the Midwest, around 1925, poolhalls and spittoons were much in evidence in Chicago's old Scandinavian quarters and North Avenue was known affectionately as

ARE YOU — — ?

Are you an active member,
The kind that would be missed,
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the flock
Or do you stay away
And criticize and knock?

Do you ever go and visit
A member that is sick,
Or leave the work to just a few
And talk about the clique?

Come to the meetings often
And help with hand and heart,
Don't be just a member,
But take an active part.

Think this over brother,
For you know right from wrong,
Are you an active member,
Or do you just belong?

—Niels A. Jensen.

[Reprinted from the June, 1940
"Danish Brotherhood News"]

"Snoos Boulevard." I recall being asked if it were true that Copenhagen snuff was dug out of mines like coal. I would have much fun with naive tobacco users when I told them that I actually was a former Copenhagen snuff miner.

The community around North Avenue was vigorous. It had dozens of Danish enterprises, department stores, food shops, bakeries, tailors, watchmakers, upholsterers, barbers, shoemakers, printers, restaurants and bars.

There were seven Danish halls or clubhouses with frequent performances in gymnastics, music, theatrical arts, and four Danish churches. Folk dancing would be enjoyed by a hundred people on a winter evening; the Danish Glee Club had 600 members.

North Avenue is no longer synonymous with Snoos Boulevard. As the Windy City changed, other ethnic groups moved in. They took over the boarding houses, the stores, the poolhalls, the clubhouses, the churches. During three or four decades the Danes, no longer poor emigrants, moved to greener pastures.

Just recently Dania Hall, the social center of the colony for nearly eight decades was sold. Perhaps if aebleskiver had filled the vacuum left by snuff and the spittoon, it might have been different — for better, for worse. Who can say for sure.

To guys like me, Chicago's Snoos Boulevard is now just a fond memory — part of American history.

1974 Danish Calendar

A. Calendar — Handpainted cotton, Danish text, for hanging, 22½" x 11½", Red, Blue, Gold, Green — \$4.50

B. Bridge Cloth — Map of Denmark, Red, Blue, 36" x 36" — \$5.50

C. 1974 B & G Mother's Day Plate — \$13.00

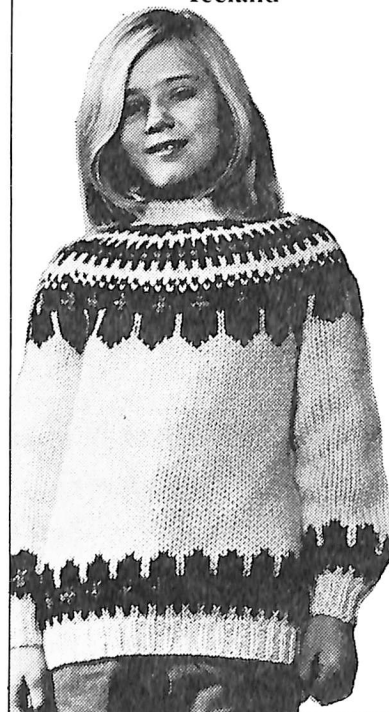
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Praternal Protection

TOPIC: Save and Retire With Endowments

I have always heard that a good way to **SAVE** systematically, have **PROTECTION** in the early years and then money for **RETIREMENT**, is by purchasing endowments. Does the Danish Brotherhood have one?

Yes, one of the most practical plans for meeting a young families' needs is the **ENDOWMENT** at age 65. Below is an illustration for a \$10,000 plan, and optional riders that can be added are noted at the bottom.

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 by saving \$4.54 each week
 for premium payable monthly
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 Premium, Annual \$236.30; Monthly \$ 20.05

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Cash* for you at age 65 of	\$ 16,296.00
Your premiums totaled	\$ 8,270.00
Gain*	\$ 8,026.00
Or Income*, every month <u>for 10 years</u> of	\$ 156.60

DOLLARS — IF YOU DIE:

Cash for your family of not less than	\$ 10,000.00
Or Income every month of	\$ 96.10
For a period of	10 years
Which makes a total of	\$ 11,532.00
Plus any paid-up additions or cash dividends.*	

DOLLARS — IF YOU QUIT:

In 10 years, CASH* totaling	\$ 1,990.00
**or a Fully Paid Up Endowment at 65	\$ — — —
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**or a Fully Paid Up Endowment of	\$ 8,400.00

* Includes dividends and interest based on current schedule. Dividends may be higher or lower.

** Dividends included based on Paid Up Additions.

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NOTE: Females, reduce above Endowment rate by 68¢ per month.



New Member	Location	Sponsor
Eigil M. Andersen	Omaha (1)	Howard Christensen
Pauline M. Andersen	Omaha (1)	Jens C. Andersen
John W. Andersen	Racine (4)	Gordon Sorenson
Irving G. Hansen	Racine (4)	Gordon Sorenson
Theodore P. Schmidt	Council Bluffs (10)	Gustav Axelsen
Elizabeth M. Bracker	Council Bluffs (10)	Gustav Axelsen
Frederick W. Richards	Perth Amboy (46)	H. Mathiasen
Harold B. Jensen	Penn Yan (71)	Bartel Borglum
Fred Frederiksen	Los Angeles (126)	Erik Danam, Sr.
Jean H. Andersen	Superior (161)	Kenneth Pedersen
Raymond J. Harder	Grand Island (211)	Ervie Laursen
Michael M. Labriola, Sr.	Canton (225)	Robert Pedersen, Jr.
Delores M. Labriola	Canton (225)	Robert Pedersen, Jr.
Holly A. Labriola	Canton (225)	Robert Pedersen, Jr.
Belinda K. Pedersen	Canton (225)	Robert Pedersen, Jr.
Ty James Croxton*	Canton (225)	Robert Pedersen, Jr.
Dayna J. Pedersen*	Canton (225)	Robert Pedersen, Jr.
Richard F. Pedersen*	Canton (225)	Robert Pedersen, Jr.
David E. Pedersen*	Canton (225)	Robert Pedersen, Jr.
Patrick M. McMahon*	Erie (242)	Richard A. McMahon
Scott D. Jensen	Fowler (261)	Harold Jensen
Sharon A. Lunde	Barre (294)	Kenneth Lunde
Asger Vilhelmsen	Alhambra (323)	Niels Christiansen
Kathe H. Romano	Las Vegas (339)	Jutta Reed

* Juvenile Members

Program Contest Brings Good Ideas

Three DB members each have a beautiful Danish Coat of Arms hanging in their home, thanks to the ideas they outlined for new DB fraternal programs. Their ideas are listed below for all lodges to use if they choose.

Miss Julie Petersen, Lodge 177, McCool Junction, Nebraska suggested the idea of having someone demonstrate how to prepare and serve Danish dishes, with emphasis on Danish pastry. We particularly like this idea because Julie suggested that interested members work along with whomever is preparing the food. We feel that this would be most helpful in passing Danish culinary arts down to the younger generation, thereby preserving a most important part of our Danish culture. Julie also suggested crowning a "Mr. American Dane" along with "Miss American Dane" at the Minden Danish Days to get more young male members involved in the event.

Mrs. Gertrude Boysen, Lodge 143, Santa Rosa, California, suggested a fund-raising idea that many of our urban lodges could well make use of. Mrs. Boysen informs us that the most popular function at most mobile home parks is the monthly men's breakfast. Why not serve a typically Danish breakfast at these functions for a reasonable fee, using their facilities? She also suggests

promoting this for repeat business on an annual or semi-annual basis.

We are also indebted to Mr. Paul Rasmussen, Lodge 600, Miami, Florida, for the many ideas set forth in his excellent article, "Glance Back and Look Ahead," completed in last month's issue. A committee formed to trace Danish genealogy for those members interested would be performing a valuable service. Wouldn't you like to know it if your great-great-grandfather served on the Council of Nobles under King Christian IV? Also, plays and musicals are a great way to encourage member participation. We all have a little Danish ham in us.

If you have an idea for a new fraternal program and would like to share it with other lodge members, don't wait for a contest. Write to National Headquarters, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, Nebraska, 68131.

Thought for the Month

The man who has anything worthwhile to give, finds, if he gives himself freely and without thought of his reward, that the world sees to the task of heaping honors upon him.

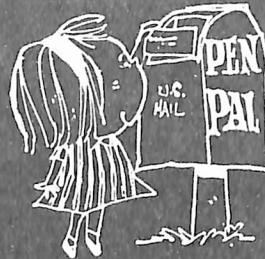
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Danish Brotherhood

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Danish Kitchen

What on earth can you have for dinner when you are asked to make a typical Danish dinner? This feature offers a new and authentic Danish recipe each month for the culinary enjoyment of our readers. Can't you just smell those wonderful aromas wafting from the kitchen right now?

RØDGRØD MED FLØDE RED FRUIT PUDDING WITH CREAM

- 1½ lbs of fresh raspberries or strawberries, or a combination of the two (or substitute 2 10-Oz. package frozen berries)
- 2 tbsps. sugar
- 2 tbsps. cornstarch
- ¼ cup cold water
- Slivered almonds
- Light cream

Remove hulls from fresh berries, wash quickly, drain and pat dry with paper towels. Place in container of electric blender and blend at high speed until pureed. (If using frozen berries, defrost thoroughly, then puree, juice and all). Place puree in enameled or stainless steel pan and add sugar. Bring to boil, stirring constantly. Mix cornstarch and water to a paste and add to puree. Let mixture thicken (do not boil) and remove from heat. Pour into individual dessert bowls or a large serving bowl. Chill for at least 2 hours. Before serving the rødgrød decorate the top with a few slivered almonds and pass a pitcher of light cream separately.

Lest We Forget

IN GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE OF THEIR SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP, WE HONOR THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY SINCE THE LAST REPORT.

Death	Name	Age	Birth-place	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined
Nov. 29	Robert D. Madsen	50	Minden, Nebr.	16	Minden, Nebr.	1962
Nov. 29	Valdemar Rasmussen	90	Kongsted, Denmark	283	Dagmar, Mont.	1902
Dec. 7	Otto Sorensen	91	Roskilde, Denmark	182	Waukegan, Ill.	1909
Dec. 11	Holger Christophersen	74	Detroit, Mich.	227	Detroit, Mich.	1918
Dec. 12	Niels S. Petersen	63	Denmark	30	Muskegon, Mich.	1946
Dec. 18	Niels J. Jensen	82	Slesvig, Denmark	56	Kansas City, Mo.	1912
Dec. 21	Ray F. Mortensen	72	Rockford, Ill.	64	Rockford, Ill.	1922
Nov. 28	Lauritz C. Jensen	85	Hjorring, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1910
Dec. 8	Thorwald Ladefoged	71	Aalborg, Denmark	4	Racine, Wis.	1940
Nov.	Niels Juel	80	Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1930
Dec. 3	Donald F. Medlar	50	Greenville, Mich.	106	Trufant, Mich.	1963
Dec. 24	Henry Petersen	86	York Co., Nebr.	177	Cordova, Nebr.	1915
Dec. 8	Christian S. Jorgensen	85	Onsild, Denmark	147	Newell, Iowa	1917
Dec. 9	Clifford A. Jensen	81	Pine Township, Mich.	106	Trufant, Mich.	1910
Dec. 24	James Aldrup Beck	76	Hjortdal, Denmark	242	Erie, Pa.	1917
Jan. 1	Holger Rasmussen	86	Aalborg, Denmark	267	Brigham City, Utah	1908
Jan. 22	Thorvald P. Petersen	82	Grayling, Mich.	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1909
Jan. 3	Jacob Cramer	86	Hojberg, Denmark	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1906
Dec. 15	John H. Olsen	69	Woodstock, Ill.	126	Los Angeles, Calif.	1942
July	Ida Ahlvers	59	Copenhagen, Denmark	339	Las Vegas, Nev.	1971
Dec. 14	Ed Hoiland	82	Denmark	113	Enumclaw, Wash.	1959
Dec. 21	Arnold E. Swensen	68	Racine, Wis.	4	Racine, Wis.	1966

BIDS ON MAGAZINE ARE INVITED

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Love makes the world go round. But then, so does a good swallow of tobacco.

An innocent-looking little old lady cashed her check at the supermarket and thanked the cashier, saying "I just don't know what I'd do without you people now that the bank has stopped cashing my checks."

Some doctors believe in shock treatments — they're mailed out the first of every month.

Ask thyself, daily, to how many ill-minded persons thou has shown a kind disposition.

Marcus Antoninus

To be able to bear provocation is an argument of great reason, and to forgive it of a great mind.

The man at the next desk says he gets obedience from his family once a year, anyway. Every time his birthday rolls around he tells them not to spend a lot of money on him, and they never do.

Student: What's the first lesson in chemistry?

Professor: Don't lick the spoon.

The police sent out six different pictures of an escaped convict. A few days later they received the following telegram from a small town constable: "have captured five of your convicts and am hot on the trail of the sixth."

Some girls scream at the sight of a mouse... then climb into a car with a wolf.

During the lull in the doings at the discotheque, the girl impulsively declared, "Let's get married, George. I don't want to wait around until I'm 35 and have wrinkles, bags under my eyes and a pot belly!" "Well", George replied, "if that's the way you're going to look when you're 35, let's forget it."

Two puppies watched a group of teenagers dancing. One turned to the other and said, "If we acted like that they'd worm us!"

I met my wife at a travel bureau. She was looking for a vacation and I was the last resort.

Ducks that fly upside down quack up.



"Gentlemen, this honor comes as a complete surprise."

A U.S. Senator, on an inspection tour of an army camp, put on Army fatigues and walked among the troops. This caused one GI to call out, "Hey soldier, you look just like my senator."

"I am your senator," came the reply.

The GI shook his head in amazement. "Boy," he finally said, "you sure must have a tough draft board."

A Scotsman asked the bank for a loan of a dollar and was told he'd have to pay four per cent interest at the end of the year. For security he offered \$60,000 in U.S. bonds. The bank accepted the bonds and gave the man the dollar.

At the end of the year the Scotsman was back with a dollar and four cents to clear up his debt and asked for the return of his bonds. Upon returning them the banker remarked, "I don't want to be inquisitive, but since you have all those bonds, why did you have to borrow a dollar!"

"Well" said the Scot, "Do you know of any other way I could get the use of a safety deposit box for four cents a year?"

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If it's strapped to your back'
You can carry a weight in your hand,
You can carry a bundle
On top of your head,
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If you carry it right,
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